

BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST)
POLICE OFFICER FRANZ SCHNELLER,) No. 07 PB 2662
STAR No. 14765, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO,)
RESPONDENT.) (CR No. 307241)

ORDER

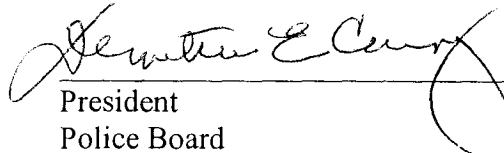
On October 23, 2007, the Superintendent of Police filed with the Police Board of the City of Chicago charges against Police Officer Franz Schneller, Star No. 14765, recommending that he be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for violating several Rules of Conduct (a copy of the charges and specifications is attached hereto as Exhibit A).

On November 19, 2007, the Superintendent moved to withdraw the charges against the Respondent, with leave to reinstate, because the Respondent resigned his position with the Department of Police of the City of Chicago.


The Police Board of the City of Chicago, having considered the Superintendent's motion to withdraw the charges against the Respondent, with leave to reinstate, hereby orders that the Superintendent's motion is granted.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2008.

Attested by:



President
Police Board



Executive Director
Police Board

CHARGES

Police Officer Franz Schneller, Star Number 14765, is charged with violating the following rules contained in Article V of the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department, which were in full force and effect on the dates of the alleged violations.

- Rule 1: Violation of any law or ordinance;
- Rule 2: Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department;
- Rule 5: Failure to perform any duty;
- Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral;
- Rule 21: Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other lawful action.

SPECIFICATIONS

Rule 1: Police Officer Franz Schneller, Star Number 14765, is charged with violating Rule 1, "Violation of any law or ordinance," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about July 23, 2005, in the vicinity of Clark Street and Burton Place, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Schneller struck a pedestrian, Barbara Pratt, with a vehicle, while she crossed the street, in violation of 625 ILCS 5/11-306(a)(1).

Count II: On or about July 23, 2005, in the vicinity of Clark Street and Burton Place, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Schneller struck a pedestrian, Barbara Pratt, with a vehicle, while she crossed the street, and/or failed to remain at the accident scene, in violation of 625 ILCS 5/11-401(a), and/or failed to render aid or provide personal information to her, in violation of 625 ILCS 5/11-403.

Count III: On or about July 23, 2005, Officer Schneller was operating a vehicle while his driver's license was suspended, in violation of 625 ILCS 5/6-303(a).

Rule 2: Police Officer Franz Schneller, Star Number 14765, is charged with violating Rule 2, "Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about July 23, 2005, in the vicinity of Clark Street and Burton Place,

Ex. A

Chicago, Illinois, Officer Schneller struck a pedestrian, Barbara Pratt, with a vehicle, while she crossed the street, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count II: On or about July 23, 2005, in the vicinity of Clark Street and Burton Place, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Schneller struck a pedestrian, Barbara Pratt, with a vehicle, while she crossed the street, and/or failed to remain at the accident scene, and/or failed to render aid or provide personal information, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count III: On or about , July 23, 2005, Officer Schneller was operating a vehicle while his driver's license was suspended thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Count IV: On or about February 23, 2007, Officer Schneller, while in the Office of the Internal Affairs Division, failed to obey a verbal order given to him by Sergeant Steven Cannizzo to answer questions regarding the administrative investigation into Complaint Register Number 307241, thereby impeding the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals and/or bringing discredit upon the Department.

Rule 5: Police Officer Franz Schneller, Star Number 14765, is charged with violating Rule 5, "Failure to perform any duty," in one or more of the following instances:

Count I: On or about July 23, 2005, in the vicinity of Clark Street and Burton Place, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Schneller failed to remain at the scene, and/or failed to render aid or provide personal information to Barbara Pratt after he struck her with a vehicle.

Count II: On or about July 23, 2005, in the vicinity of Clark Street and Burton Place, Chicago, Illinois, Officer Schneller was involved in an accident in which he struck pedestrian Barbara Pratt with a vehicle, and/or failed to report the accident to the Chicago Police Department

Rule 6: Police Officer Franz Schneller, Star Number 14765, is charged with violating Rule 6, "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral," in the following instance:

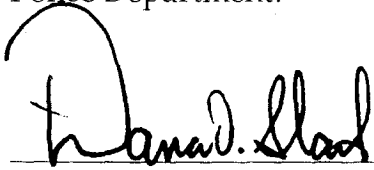
Count I: On or about February 23, 2007, Officer Schneller, while in the Office of the Internal Affairs Division, failed to obey a verbal order given to him by

Sergeant Steven Cannizzo to answer questions regarding the administrative investigation into Complaint Register Number 307241, thereby disobeying an order or directive, whether written or oral.

Rule 21: Police Officer Franz Schneller, Star Number 14765, is charged with violating Rule 21, "Failure to report promptly to the Department any information concerning any crime or other unlawful action," in the following instance:

Count I: From on or about July 23, 2005, to on or about August 16, 2005, or on one or more dates therein, Officer Schneller failed to report to the Department that he was involved in an accident in which he struck a pedestrian and/or left the scene without rendering aid or providing information, and/or was driving while his Illinois driver's license was suspended.


Based on the foregoing charges and specifications, the Superintendent recommends that Police Officer Franz Schneller, Star Number 14765, be discharged from the Chicago Police Department.



DANA V. STARKS

Interim Superintendent of Police

APPROVED AS TO FORM



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Assistant Corporation Counsel

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